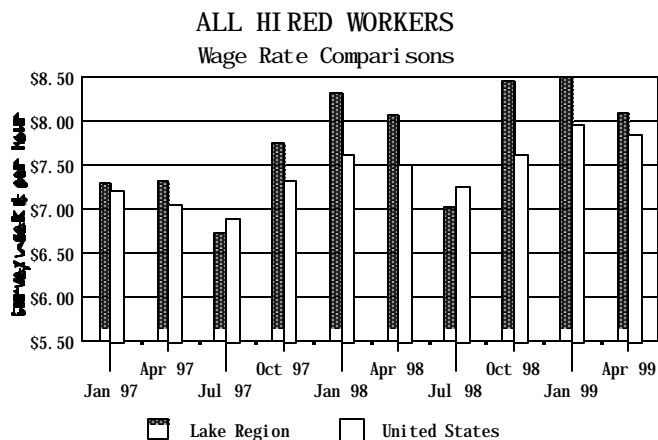


## FARM LABOR

The purpose of the quarterly Agriculture Labor Survey is to provide regional and national estimates of the number of farm workers and hours worked as well as wage rates. The data are used to determine farm labor's effect on production costs, evaluate the impact of wage rate changes, establish assistance for farm workers, and to define the nation's need for farm labor.

In April 1991, state level estimates of all farm workers, the number of hired workers, and their average wage rates became available. The survey week for each quarter is the week that includes the twelfth day of the month. Beginning in 1996, only U.S. and regional data are available on a quarterly basis. State level wage rate data are available annually for the October survey period.



### HIRED WORKERS: ANNUAL AVERAGE WAGE RATES, MINNESOTA, 1994- 98

Year	All Hired	Field	Field & Livestock
<u>Dollars Per Hour</u>			
1994	6.44	6.57	6.04
1995	6.91	6.84	6.61
1996	7.85	7.75	7.44
1997	8.45	9.02	8.08
1998	7.96	7.58	7.38

### FARM LABOR: FARM WORKERS AND WAGES BY TYPE OF WORK, LAKE REGION, 1997-99 1/

Year and Month	Hired Workers and Hours Worked				Wages, Type of Work			
	Number of Workers	Expected To Be Employed		Number of Hours Worked	All Hi red	Fi el d	Li vestock	Field & Li vestock
		150 Days or More	149 Days or Less					
	<u>1,000 Workers</u>				<u>Dollars Per Hour</u>			
1997								
January	44	39	5	37.1	7.28	7.74	6.20	6.66
April	63	50	13	33.5	7.31	7.50	6.56	6.91
July	70	43	27	35.1	6.72	6.56	6.10	6.35
October	80	48	32	41.3	7.73	7.85	6.01	7.28
1998								
January	41	35	6	32.1	8.32	7.74	7.16	7.35
April	59	46	13	33.7	8.06	7.39	7.43	7.41
July	72	40	32	37.3	7.01	6.95	6.41	6.77
October	59	38	21	39.6	8.45	8.23	7.40	7.99
1999								
January	42	37	5	34.9	8.48	8.43	7.33	7.59
April	55	39	16	37.8	8.09	7.95	7.03	7.54

1/ Lake Region = Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin.